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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Pending claims 1 and 17, which are independent, are hereby amended. Claims 2-16 and 18-45 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. It is submitted that the pending claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification and specifically on page 95. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,366,296 to Boreczky, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,632 to Moeller, et al.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"...displaying in the first switch input area a first button which enables input of an instruction to shift from the first screen to a second screen displayed in the continuous video image display

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phase while cutting out and holding the current video image recording position...

...displaying the feature video image replayed on the basis of the current video image recording position, in the second video image display area...

...displaying in the second switch input area a second button which enables input of an instruction to shift from the second screen to the first screen displayed in the extracted video image display phase while cutting out and holding the current video image recording position; and

shifting between the extracted video image display phase and the continuous video image display phase on the basis of each of the instructions inputted during the display of the first button or the second button, so as to display either the first screen or the second screen." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,366,296 to Boreczky, et al.

(hereinafter merely "Boreczky") relates to browsing a media file where the user selects a feature in the media file and is then provided with information regarding the existence of that feature in the media file. Based on the information a user can identify playback portions of the media file.

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,353,632 to Moeller, et al.

(hereinafter, merely "Moeller") relates to a video processing system with real time program duration compression and expansion.

Applicant submits that Boreczky fails to teach the above-identified features of claim 1.

Applicant notes that the Office Action states that Boreczky "fails to distinctly point out two different screens." Applicant further notes that the use of two similar screens is not just for reducing clutter.

As disclosed in claim 1, in the first screen, the step of "displaying a first button which enables input of an instruction to shift from the first screen to a second screen displayed in

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the continuous video image display phase while cutting out and holding the current video image recording position" plays a role in the step of "displaying the feature video image replayed on the basis of the current video image recording position, in the second video image display area".

Similarly, in the second screen, step of "displaying in the second switch input area a second button which enables input of an instruction to shift from the second screen to the first screen displayed in the extracted video image display phase while cutting out and holding the current video image recording position" plays a role in the step of "displaying one of the plurality of sets of extracted video images replayed on the basis of a current video image recording position, in the first video image display area".

Accordingly, a preview video image (one of the plurality of sets of extracted video images) display is provided in the first screen and can be stopped at anytime if a user operates the first button. The operation of the first button results in a detailed display (feature video image) based on the current video image recording position in the second screen. To return to the first screen, the user can operate a second button and the preview video image will be replayed on the basis of a current recording position.

Applicant submits that Boreczky teaches icon 9 for switching the key playback controls 6-1, 6-2, and 6-3 but playback controls upon the selected features are independent from each other.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that nothing has been found in Boreczky or Moeller, taken alone or in combination, that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1.

Specifically, Applicant submits that Boreczky and Moeller fail to disclose or suggest displaying in the first switch input area a first button which enables input of an

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instruction to shift from the first screen to a second screen displayed in the continuous video image display phase while cutting out and holding the current video image recording position displaying the feature video image replayed on the basis of the current video image recording position, in the second video image display area displaying in the second switch input area a second button which enables input of an instruction to shift from the second screen to the first screen displayed in the extracted video image display phase while cutting out and holding the current video image recording position, and shifting between the extracted video image display phase and the continuous video image display phase on the basis of each of the instructions inputted during the display of the first button or the second button, so as to display either the first screen or the second screen, as disclosed in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to recited above, claim 17 is also patentable.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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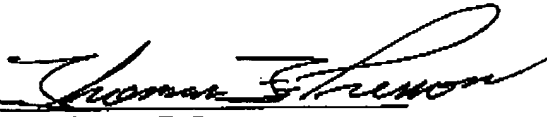
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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